REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 13-24 are pending in the present application. Claims 19 and 20 have been amended in this response to improve form. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendments.

Claims 13-17 are allowed.

Claim 19 was objected to for informalities. In light of the present amendments, Applicant submits the objectionable matter has been addressed. Withdrawal of the objection is earnestly requested.

Claims 20-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Office Action argued that the term "other subscriber" in claim 20 lacked antecedent basis. In light of the present amendment to claim 20, Applicant submits the objectionable language has been addressed. Withdrawal of the rejection is earnestly requested.

In light of the amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 13-24 of the present application are patentable over the art of record. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any additional fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account no. 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket no. (0112740-979) on the account statement.

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